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CHAIRMAN  
CALIFORNIA STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY  
1330 BROADWAY, 11TH FLOOR  
OAKLAND, CA 94612

September 18, 2005

Chairman Bosco,

Johnson Ranches, Inc is aware and supportive of the proposed Fay Slough and tributaries final design and pre-construction services project currently under discussion with Redwood Community Action Agency, Department of Fish and Game the State Coastal Conservancy. We understand that the objectives of the project are fish habitat enhancement, flood management and protection and enhancement of agricultural values.

Johnson Ranches, Inc., currently own real property in the proposed project area. The property includes downstream portions of Cochran and Redmond Creeks, and the levees and tide gates along Fay Slough. As the landowner, Johnson Ranches, Inc., will be involved in the continuing discussion and project development, selection of a preferred mutually beneficial project. We will provide input to development of pre-construction designs and support the application for necessary permits for a mutually beneficial project.

This Letter of Intent is a statement recognizing mutual interest of the parties with respect to a possible project, and is subject to development of a mutually satisfactory project design. Nothing herein shall constitute a binding commitment of either party except as an expression of support for investigating the merits of improving fish and estuary habitat while enhancing agricultural values.

Sincerely,



Rich Holland  
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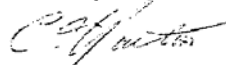
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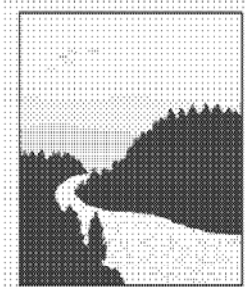
I currently own real property, the A-1 Ranch, in the proposed project area. The property includes a section of Redmond Creek. As the landowner, I will be involved in the continuing discussion and project development, selection of a preferred mutually beneficial project. We will provide input to development of pre-construction designs and support the application for necessary permits for a mutually beneficial project.

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Sincerely,



C. H. Parton  
A-1 Ranch



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**Doug Bosco, Chairman**  
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ATTN: Jim King

September 30, 2005

### **RE: Support for the Fay Slough and Tributaries Final Design and Pre-construction services project**

#### **Dear Chairman Bosco:**

We support the Redwood Community Action Agency's (RCAA) proposal to the Coastal Conservancy for estuarine, fish passage and riparian enhancement, and enhancement of agricultural lands. The Fay Slough and Tributaries Final Design and Pre-construction services project is a logical implementation of the Humboldt Bay Watershed Advisory Committee's (HBWAC) *Humboldt Bay Watershed Salmon and Steelhead Conservation Plan (SSCP)*. The Redwood Regional Watershed Center has been engaged with the development of the SSCP since 1998, and will continue to be an active participant in the development of the SSCP and HBWAC's efforts to enhance watershed health.

As an organization focused on education, interpretation and research of watershed-based management, we are supportive of projects that encourage collaboration of landowners with organizations such as RCAA that have the ability to develop and manage beneficial projects with excellent results. RCAA has just such a proven track record.

Our public funds will be well utilized for this project, as it is an example of one that will help us find the healthy balance between human impacts and natural resources – on a watershed basis.

Thank you for your commitment to cooperative resource management planning in our State and in the Humboldt Bay watershed.

**Sincerely, Dr. Elizabeth Watson, RRWC Chair**

Paula Fitzgerald Yoon, RRWC Director

**Dr. Betsy Watson, Chair**  
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To: Chairman Doug Bosco

From: THE HUMBOLDT BAY STEWARDS

Re: SCC SUPPORT OF RCAA PROPOSAL

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## THE HUMBOLDT BAY STEWARDS

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Doug Bosco, Chairman  
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Oakland, CA 94612-2530

ATTN: Jim King:

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The Humboldt Bay Stewards supports the Redwood Community Action Agency's (RCAA) proposal to the Coastal Conservancy for estuarine, fish passage and riparian enhancement, and enhancement of agricultural lands. The Fay Slough and Tributaries Final Design and Pre-construction services project is the logical implementation of the Humboldt Bay Watershed Advisory Committee's (HBWAC) *Humboldt Bay Watershed Salmon and Steelhead Conservation Plan (SSCP)*. The Stewards have been, and will continue to be, an active participant in the development of the SSCP and HBWAC's efforts to enhance watershed health.

We support the objectives of this proposal to:

- Conduct a feasibility analysis and develop restoration design alternatives for Cochran and Redmond Creek tributaries to Fay Slough.
- Do a regulatory constraint analysis and regulatory compliance strategy for the proposed alternatives will be developed.
- Work with landowners, government agencies, watershed groups and other fishery and restoration interests to select a preferred restoration project and to develop detailed project designs.
- Undertake all necessary site assessments required to develop detailed construction plans and supporting environmental documents.
- Prepare an Initial Study and subsequent environmental review documents anticipated for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, secure permits needed to implement the project and prepare detailed cost estimates and necessary construction bid documents.

The Humboldt Bay Stewards formed several years ago to create a forum for discussion of estuary issues that have direct impacts on fish habitat. During this past year a series of economic forums presenting the current status of a variety of uses of Humboldt Bay revealed the need to restore the biological and physical processes of the Bay for a healthy economy for the future.

We wish to convey our continued support for projects that enhance estuary and fisheries habitat while enhancing productive management of lands around the Bay. We also support RCAA acting as grant administrator and conducting the work required to develop final designs and pre-construction services for this project.

Thank you for your commitment to cooperative resource management planning in the Humboldt Bay watershed.

Sincerely,



Margaret Herbelin

Coordinator-The Humboldt Bay Stewards



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September 23, 2005

Doug Bosco, Chairman  
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ATTN: Jim King

Dear Chairman Bosco:

It is my pleasure to write in support of The Fay Slough and Tributaries Final Design and Pre-Construction Services Project. The project serves vital fishery habitat in Humboldt County's 3<sup>rd</sup> District. The project's sponsor, Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA), has long been recognized for their excellent natural resource restoration services provided throughout this region. The project continues in that tradition.

The Fay Slough and Tributaries Final Design and Pre-Construction Services Project is the logical implementation of estuary and fish habitat enhance goals in the Department of Fish and Game's Coho Recovery Strategy. I have had the opportunity to work with RCAA on similar projects in the past and am confident in their ability and determination to accomplish the many objectives this project will undertake.

Coastal salmonid resources are clearly in need of habitat protection and enhancement. The State Coastal Conservancy has been a leader in this work and I hope will continue its tradition by supporting this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

John Woolley  
3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor

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